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CONSULTATIONS

1. SUMMARY. AMB. LEONARD REVIEWED MOST RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS ON IDF STATUS IN SOUTH LEBANON WITH KUWAITI
PERM REP BISHARA IN THE MORNING ON APRIL 6. LEONARD
PRESENTED REASONS SUGGESTING DELAY IN SECURITY COUNCIL
CONSULTATIONS UNTIL APRIL 10. BISHARA THOUGHT DELAY
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SERVES ISRAELI INTERESTS AND RATHER RELUCTANTLY AGREED
TO DISCUSS DELAY WITH ARABS AND BE IN TOUCH
AGAIN WITH LEONARD LATER IN THE DAY. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING UP ON APRIL 5 CONVERSATION WITH KUWAITI
PERM REP BISHARA (REFTEL), AMB. LEONARD OUTLINED
REASONS AUGURING FOR DELAY IN SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

UNITL MONDAY, APRIL 10. LEONARD BEGAN BY NOTING DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO ISRAELI POSITION IN SOUTH LEBANON -- SYG'S MESSAGE TO PM BEGIN, PROJECTED ANNOUNCEMENT BY UN PRESS SPOKESMAN OF SYG'S MESSAGE AT NOON TODAY, SECRETARY VANCE'S LETTER TO CONGRESS (STATE 88226), AMB. LEWIS' APPROACH TO GOI ON WITHDRAWAL, WHICH BROUGHT POSITIVE RESPONSE, AND SECRETARY'S DEMARCHE TO AMB. DINITZ. LEONARD ALSO NOTED THAT AMB. LEWIS WOULD MAKE FURTHER APPROACH TODAY ON IDF WITHDRAWAL. BISHARA ACKNOWLEDGED, ALBEIT RELUCTANTLY, THE POSSIBLE HELPFULNESS OF THESE ACTIONS.

3. LEONARD THEN POINTED OUT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS SUGGESTED A DELAY IN SC CONSULTATIONS UNTIL APRIL 10. THE UN SECRETARIAT WISHES TO INFORM THE COUNCIL FORMALLY OF ERSKINE'S APPOINTMENT AS UNIFIL COMMANDER, TO CIRCULATE A LETTER FROM WALDHEIM TO THE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTS IN ESTABLISHING UNIFIL, AND TO DISCUSS COMPOSITION AND SIZE OF UNIFIL WITH THE COUNCIL, THE UN SECRETARIAT WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO CONSULT SC ON THESE MATTERS ON MONDAY, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF RETURN FROM LONDON ON APRIL 8 OF UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL URQUHART, WHO WOULD MAKE PRESENTATION IN ABSENCE OF WALDHEIM.

4. BISHARA TOOK NOTE OF LEONARD'S REVIEW OF REASONS
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FOR DELAYING SC CONSULTATIONS. HE SAID IT WOULD NONETHELESS BE DIFFICULT TO BACK AWAY FROM CONSULTATIONS ON FRIDAY SINCE HE HAD ALREADY TOLD OTHERS AND IT WAS NO SECRET THAT HE HAD BEEN RECRUITING SC MEMBERS TO SPEAK DURING CONSULTATIONS ON IDF FAILURE TO WITHDRAW. CONVERSATION CONCLUDED WITH BISHARA AGREEING TO DISCUSS WITH ARABS AND OTHERS PROPOSAL TO DELAY SC CONSULTATIONS AND TO BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH LEONARD IN LATE AFTERNOON.

5. FOLLOWING MEETING WITH BISHARA, LEONARD SPOKE WITH LEBANESE AMB. TUENI AND INDIAN AMB. JAIPAL. JAIPAL DESCRIBED CORRIDOR TALK ON DELAY IN IDF WITHDRAWAL AS BECOMING SOMEWHAT UGLY, WITH REFERENCES BEING MADE TO THE OIL WEAPON (BY THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE IT). HIS VIEW AS BEST OPTION WOULD BE SC CONSULTATIONS ON FRIDAY AND MONDAY. FRIDAY'S CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE TO HEAR STATEMENTS ON IDF FAILURE TO WITHDRAW AND ON MONDAY UN ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF UNIFIL COULD BE TAKEN UP. JAIPAL INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE COOPERATIVE IN PREVENTING CONSULTATIONS FROM MOVING TOWARD A COUNCIL MEETING. IN CONVERSATION WITH TUENI,

CURRENT STATUS OF POSSIBLE SC CONSULTATIONS WAS
DISCUSSED. TUENI UNDERSTOOD OUR PREFERENCE FOR DELAY
OF CONSULTATIONS AND SAID HE WOULD SPEAK WITH OTHER
ARABS AS SOON AS HE COULD. LEONARD

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